

In my own district, events will take place at the Eastchester After School Program, the Eastchester After School Youth Program (E.A.S.Y.), and the Yonkers School Age Child Care Alliance. I applaud these sites for opening their doors to parents, neighbors, business leaders, and elected officials to showcase their programs. I also hope these visits will help build support for after school programs.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, not all working families and their children have access to after school programs and additional sites are desperately needed. In polling done by the After-school Alliance, nearly two-thirds of respondents reported difficulty in finding quality, affordable programs. In addition, a 31-State study of after-school funding found that 75 percent of 2002 requests for Federal after-school support went unfunded because there was not enough money to go around.

We must do more for families in need. After-school programs are invaluable to local communities—keeping our children safe and involved in positive, enriching activities, helping working families, and improving academic achievement. With the power of united voices, and the continued support of organizations like the JCPenney Afterschool Fund, the After-school Alliance, 4-H Afterschool, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Inner-City Games Foundation, Junior Achievement and the YMCA of the USA, we can certainly reach our goal of after-school for all.

#### RECOGNIZING GRANT STANLEY FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grant Stanley, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 354, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Grant has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the nine years Grant has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Troop-Patrol Leader, Bugler, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. Grant is also a Brave in the Tribe of Mic-o-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Grant built a practice pitching mound at the A.J. Wilson Sports Complex in Kansas City North. This involved negotiations with the head of the sports complex, obtaining donations of materials from several sources, drawing up the plans, materials list, project plan, soliciting leaders and boys to help, and supervising the construction. This mound will be used by many baseball teams during practices and games.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Grant Stanley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF P.S. 183, THE SCHOOL FOR DISCOVERY

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2003*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Public School 183, The School for Discovery, on the occasion of its centennial celebration. Located on the East Side of Manhattan in New York's 14th Congressional District, P.S. 183 is truly a microcosm of the great city whose families it has served for one hundred years. It is one of the finest examples of academic success in an ethnically and religiously diverse atmosphere.

P.S. 183 has a long tradition of offering its pupils a science-based curriculum, aptly earning it the nickname "The School for Discovery". Along with its strong literacy and mathematics programs, P.S. 183 promotes vigorous interdisciplinary learning, making it one of the most highly regarded elementary schools in Manhattan. The success of its educational approach, teaching methods, and curriculum has led New York City Schools Chancellor Joel Klein to name P.S. 183 one of the highest performing schools in New York City, a fitting tribute during the school's centennial year.

P.S. 183 has worked cooperatively with community organizations to expand its ability to offer educational opportunities to students. The Vanderbilt Y helped it build a computer lab. Friends of St. Catherine's Park offered its butterfly garden to help first graders learn about butterflies. The Manhattan School of Music offers violin instruction to older students. Additionally, students are working with Rockefeller University to observe and record environmental changes on the grounds there.

Beyond its tremendous academic success, P.S. 183 exposes its students to the cultural diversity that makes New York City a great metropolis. Nearly one out of every two students at P.S. 183 is a member of an ethnic minority group. Half of its remarkably diverse student body speak a foreign language. With its nearly 600 pupils speaking 43 different languages and representing fully 86 different nations, walking the hallways of P.S. 183 is a truly global experience, perhaps rivaled only by its neighbor a mile to the south, the United Nations.

In honor of its 100th Anniversary, P.S. 183 will be holding a series of interactive educational events and programs for its alumni, students and families. The programs include an historical walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding the school, "a living history" where an actress will re-enact a day in the life of a newly arrived immigrant to the neighborhood in 1916, and a street fair with carnival rides and games.

In recognition of Public School 183's outstanding educational contributions to its community, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting The School for Discovery on its 100th Anniversary.

#### HONORING RITA C. KAY

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 10, 2003*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the numerous contributions made by Rita Kay for the children of Long Island. A selfless and dedicated woman, Rita has spent more than 30 years working on a variety of children's causes, and is well known for her intense involvement in Children's Medical Fund of New York (CMF).

Rita was compelled to ease the plight of sick children because of a combination of personal tragedy and great joy. After suffering several miscarriages and the pain of a stillborn child, Rita and her husband Barry were blessed with the births of their two sons, Brian and Bradley. In a fervent desire to help sick children and their parents, Rita joined CMF, the fundraising component of Schneider Children's Hospital of the North Shore—Long Island Jewish Health System. Through her many efforts, Rita has helped build the children's hospital into the 13th largest pediatric care center.

Rita's love for, and devotion to, children has been evidenced by the numerous events she has chaired and in which she has participated. Rita is best known for the longstanding relationship she has nurtured between Americana Manhasset shopping center and CMF, and the successful fashion luncheon sponsored by the Americana on behalf of CMF. The luncheon has helped CMF raise hundreds of thousands of dollars since its inception.

Rita's fundraising efforts have included an emphasis on corporate sponsorship. Under her leadership, Roslyn Savings Bank and Astoria Federal have become involved in CMF. Most recently, Rita cochaired CMF's Wall Street Dinner Dance at Chelsea Piers, which raised an astronomical \$4,000,000 for CMF and Schneider Children's Hospital.

Rita's hard work is more incredible because of the number of other organizations in which she is involved. Rita supports and fundraises for Partner's in Women's Health, the Long Island Cancer Campaign, the Ronald McDonald House, the Mental Health Association of Nassau County, and the Nassau County Museum of Art. All of this, in addition to her full-time job as the Marketing Director for David Morse & Associates.

Despite all of Rita's volunteer efforts, her priority remains her family. Today, Rita is surrounded not only by her husband Barry and their sons Brian and Bradley, but also her daughters-in-law Helaine and Caren, and her four grandchildren, Jesse, Logan, Dylan, and Zoe. They are incredibly proud of Rita for all of her hard work and accomplishments over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Rita Kay for her dedication and devotion to the children of Long Island.